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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRAZZAVILLE 0286

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINT, CF, US

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH CONGOLESE FOREIGN MINISTER, MARCH 16

1. CONGOLESE FOREIGN MINISTER OBENGA INVITED CHARGE TO CALL ON HIM SHORTLY AFTER LATTER'S RETURN TO BRAZZAVILLE. OBENGA BEGAN MEETING WITH CHARGE, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ECONOMIC OFFICER HANSON, BY EXPRESSING SATISFACTION WITH TALKING WITH "BUSINESS-LIKE" AMERICANS, IN COMPARISON TO "CHINESE, ALTERIANS, KOREANS, AND YUBOSLAVS, WHO DRUG YOU WITH THEIR LONG-WINDED SPEECHES." (CHINESE AMBASSADOR HAD JUST LEFT OBENGA'S OFFICE). AND, IN FACT, OBENGA WAS MORE RELAXED AND FRIENDLY THAN WE HAVE SEEN HIM ON ANY PREVIOUS OCCASION (FRG AMBASSADOR DERIX ATTRIBUTES THIS TO OBENGA'S DROP IN IMPORTANCE, AS VIEWED BY MILITARY COMMITTEE, AND ATTENDANT REDUCTION IN PRESSURE ON HIM).

2. OBENGA STATED THAT MANY CONGOLESE HAD REQUIRED A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF HOW A POSITIVE AMERICAN ROLE IN CONGO WOULD WORK ALONG WITH A SOCIALIST SYSTEM. GOCB HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL, HE ADDED, IN EXPLAINING THIS, A PROCESS FACILITATED BY DIFFICULTIES WHICH SOCIALIST CHANGES HAVE BROUGHT TO ECONOMY, AND HOPE THAT  
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US CAN "COOPERATE WITH" (I.E., AID) CONGO MORE. OBENGA WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT WE WOULD BE INCREASING THE SIZE OF OUR PRESENCE HERE, AND PARTICULARLY DELIGHTED OVER EVOLUTION OF PEACE CORPS PROGRAM.  
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